



# Helpful Resources in Representing UC\*

<b>Administrative Appeals Office (AAO)</b>	
<b>AAO Practice Manual</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Generally accessible at: <a href="https://www.uscis.gov/aao-practice-manual">https://www.uscis.gov/aao-practice-manual</a></li> </ul>
<b>AAO Opinions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Precedent Decisions <a href="https://www.justice.gov/eoir/dhs-aao-ins-decisions">https://www.justice.gov/eoir/dhs-aao-ins-decisions</a></li> <li>Non-precedent Decisions <a href="https://www.uscis.gov/about-us/directorates-and-program-offices/administrative-appeals-office-aao/aao-non-precedent-decisions">https://www.uscis.gov/about-us/directorates-and-program-offices/administrative-appeals-office-aao/aao-non-precedent-decisions</a></li> </ul>
<b>Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA)</b>	
<b>BIA Practice Manual</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Generally accessible at: <a href="https://www.justice.gov/eoir/board-immigration-appeals-2">https://www.justice.gov/eoir/board-immigration-appeals-2</a></li> </ul>
<b>BIA Decisions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Precedent Decisions <a href="https://www.justice.gov/eoir/ag-bia-decisions">https://www.justice.gov/eoir/ag-bia-decisions</a></li> <li>Unpublished Decisions Some decisions are available through the Immigrant &amp; Refugee Appellate Center, <a href="http://www.irc.net/unpublished/">http://www.irc.net/unpublished/</a></li> </ul>
<b>Caselaw</b>	
<b>Key Federal Litigation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Flores</i> Reno v. Flores, 507 U.S. 292, 113 S. Ct. 1439 (1993), available at: <a href="https://supreme.justia.com/cases/federal/us/507/292/case.html">https://supreme.justia.com/cases/federal/us/507/292/case.html</a> Flores Settlement Agreement, available at: <a href="https://www.aclu.org/files/pdfs/immigrants/flores_v_meese_agreement.pdf">https://www.aclu.org/files/pdfs/immigrants/flores_v_meese_agreement.pdf</a> Flores v. Lynch, No. 15-56434, 2016 WL 3670046 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. July 6, 2016) <a href="https://cdn.ca9.uscourts.gov/datastore/opinions/2016/07/06/15-56434.pdf">https://cdn.ca9.uscourts.gov/datastore/opinions/2016/07/06/15-56434.pdf</a> Flores v. Sessions, 862 F.3d 863 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2017) <a href="https://www.centerforhumanrights.org/PDFs/07-05-17_Flores_ORR_9thCir_Opinion.pdf">https://www.centerforhumanrights.org/PDFs/07-05-17_Flores_ORR_9thCir_Opinion.pdf</a> Flores v. Sessions, Order Denying Defendant's' Ex Parte Application for Limited Relief from Settlement Agreement, No. 2:85-CV-04544 (C.D. Cal. July 9, 2018) <a href="https://www.justsecurity.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/flores.order_.0709.pdf">https://www.justsecurity.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/flores.order_.0709.pdf</a> Flores v. Sessions, Order Re Plaintiffs' Motion to Enforce Class Action Settlement, CV 85-4544 (C.D. Cal. July 30, 2018)</li> </ul>

	<p><a href="https://www.centerforhumanrights.org/PDFs/ORR2_MTE_Order073018.pdf">https://www.centerforhumanrights.org/PDFs/ORR2_MTE_Order073018.pdf</a>  Flores v. Sessions, Order Appointing Special Master/Independent Monitor, CV 85-4544 (C.D. Cal. Oct. 5, 2018)  <a href="https://www.courthousenews.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/Flores-Special-Master-ORDER.pdf">https://www.courthousenews.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/Flores-Special-Master-ORDER.pdf</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Perez-Olano</i>  Perez-Olano v. Gonzalez, 248 F.R.D. 248 (C.D. Cal. 2008)  <a href="http://www.clearinghouse.net/chDocs/public/IM-CA-0051-0002.pdf">http://www.clearinghouse.net/chDocs/public/IM-CA-0051-0002.pdf</a>  2010 Perez-Olano Settlement Agreement  <a href="https://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/USCIS/Laws/Legal%20Settlement%20Notices%20and%20Agreements/Perez-Olano%20v%20Holder/Signed_Settlement_Agreement.pdf">https://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/USCIS/Laws/Legal%20Settlement%20Notices%20and%20Agreements/Perez-Olano%20v%20Holder/Signed_Settlement_Agreement.pdf</a>  Final Stipulation Agreement on Motion to Enforce Settlement  <a href="https://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/USCIS/Laws/Legal%20Settlement%20Notices/PerezOlano_Order_Approving_Stipulation.pdf">https://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/USCIS/Laws/Legal%20Settlement%20Notices/PerezOlano_Order_Approving_Stipulation.pdf</a></li> </ul>
<b>Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR)</b>	
<b>Immigration Court Practice Manual</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Generally accessible at:  <a href="https://www.justice.gov/eoir/office-chief-immigration-judge-0">https://www.justice.gov/eoir/office-chief-immigration-judge-0</a></li> </ul>
<b>EOIR Forms</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Generally accessible at:  <a href="https://www.justice.gov/eoir/list-downloadable-eoir-forms">https://www.justice.gov/eoir/list-downloadable-eoir-forms</a></li> </ul>
<b>Immigration Judge’s Benchbook (now archived)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Generally accessible at:  <a href="https://www.justice.gov/eoir/archived-resources">https://www.justice.gov/eoir/archived-resources</a></li> </ul>
<b>Key Immigration Court Memoranda</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Generally accessible at:  <a href="https://www.justice.gov/eoir/office-of-policy">https://www.justice.gov/eoir/office-of-policy</a>  <a href="https://www.justice.gov/eoir/oppm-log">https://www.justice.gov/eoir/oppm-log</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Relating to DHS Priorities &amp; Initiatives:  November 16, 2018, Tracking and Expedition of “Family Unit” Cases, PM19-04  <a href="https://www.justice.gov/eoir/page/file/1112036/download">https://www.justice.gov/eoir/page/file/1112036/download</a>  January 17, 2018, Case Priorities and Immigration Court Performance Measures  <a href="https://www.justice.gov/eoir/page/file/1026721/download">https://www.justice.gov/eoir/page/file/1026721/download</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Relating generally to Unaccompanied Children:  December 20, 2017, Operating Policies and Procedures Memorandum 17-03: Guidelines for Immigration Court Cases Involving Juveniles, Including Unaccompanied Alien Children  <a href="https://www.justice.gov/eoir/file/oppm17-03/download">https://www.justice.gov/eoir/file/oppm17-03/download</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Relating to Pro Bono Legal Services  March 10, 2008, Operating Policies and Procedures Memorandum 08-01: Guidelines for Facilitating Pro Bono Legal Services  <a href="https://www.justice.gov/sites/default/files/eoir/legacy/2008/04/24/08-01.pdf">https://www.justice.gov/sites/default/files/eoir/legacy/2008/04/24/08-01.pdf</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Relating to Telephonic Appearances  July 30, 2008, Operating Policies and Procedures Memorandum 08-04: Guidelines for Telephonic Appearances by Attorneys and Representatives at Master Calendar and Bond Redetermination Hearings</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<p><a href="https://www.justice.gov/sites/default/files/eoir/legacy/2008/08/01/08-04.pdf">https://www.justice.gov/sites/default/files/eoir/legacy/2008/08/01/08-04.pdf</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Relating to Asylum</li> </ul> <p>November 19, 2018, Guidance Regarding the Adjudication of Asylum Applications Consistent with INA § 208(d)(5)(A)(iii), PM 19-05</p> <p><a href="https://www.justice.gov/eoir/page/file/1112581/download">https://www.justice.gov/eoir/page/file/1112581/download</a></p> <p>September 14, 2016, Operating Policies and Procedures Memorandum 16-01: Filing Applications for Asylum</p> <p><a href="https://www.justice.gov/sites/default/files/pages/attachments/2016/09/14/oppm_16-01.pdf">https://www.justice.gov/sites/default/files/pages/attachments/2016/09/14/oppm_16-01.pdf</a></p> <p>December 2, 2013, Operating Policies and Procedures Memorandum 13-02: The Asylum Clock</p> <p><a href="https://www.justice.gov/sites/default/files/eoir/legacy/2013/12/03/13-02.pdf">https://www.justice.gov/sites/default/files/eoir/legacy/2013/12/03/13-02.pdf</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Relating to Continuances, Administrative Closure, and other administrative matters</li> </ul> <p>July 31, 2017, Operating Policies and Procedures Memorandum 17-01: Continuances</p> <p><a href="https://www.justice.gov/eoir/file/oppm17-01/download">https://www.justice.gov/eoir/file/oppm17-01/download</a></p> <p>(Although see <i>Matter of LABR</i>, <a href="https://www.justice.gov/eoir/page/file/1087781/download">https://www.justice.gov/eoir/page/file/1087781/download</a>)</p> <p>March 24, 2015 Memo, Docketing Practices Relating to Unaccompanied Children Cases and Adults with Children Released on Alternatives to Detention Cases in Light of the New Priorities</p> <p><a href="https://www.justice.gov/eoir/pages/attachments/2015/03/26/docketing-practices-related-to-uacs-and-awcatd-march2015.pdf">https://www.justice.gov/eoir/pages/attachments/2015/03/26/docketing-practices-related-to-uacs-and-awcatd-march2015.pdf</a></p> <p>January 17, 2018, Operating Policies and Procedures Memorandum 18-01: Change of Venue</p> <p><a href="https://www.justice.gov/eoir/page/file/1026726/download">https://www.justice.gov/eoir/page/file/1026726/download</a></p>
<b>Fundamentals of Immigration Law by Charles A. Wiegand, III, Immigration Judge</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Generally accessible at:</li> </ul> <p><a href="https://www.justice.gov/sites/default/files/eoir/legacy/2014/08/15/Fundamentals_of_Immigration_Law.pdf">https://www.justice.gov/sites/default/files/eoir/legacy/2014/08/15/Fundamentals_of_Immigration_Law.pdf</a></p>
<b>Health and Human Services (HHS)/Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR)</b>	
<b>ORR Policy Guide: Children Entering the United States Unaccompanied</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Generally accessible at:</li> </ul> <p><a href="https://www.acf.hhs.gov/orr/resource/children-entering-the-united-states-unaccompanied">https://www.acf.hhs.gov/orr/resource/children-entering-the-united-states-unaccompanied</a></p>
<b>US Citizenship and Immigration Services (CIS)</b>	
<b>USCIS Policy Manual (“centralized online repository for USCIS’s immigration policies”)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Generally accessible at:</li> </ul> <p><a href="https://www.uscis.gov/policymanual/HTML/PolicyManual.html">https://www.uscis.gov/policymanual/HTML/PolicyManual.html</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Relating to Special Immigrant Juvenile Status:</li> </ul> <p><a href="https://www.uscis.gov/policymanual/HTML/PolicyManual-Volume6-PartJ.html">https://www.uscis.gov/policymanual/HTML/PolicyManual-Volume6-PartJ.html</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Relating to Adjustment of Status (Part F Discusses SIJS Adjustment, Part M Discusses Asylee Adjustment):</li> </ul> <p><a href="https://www.uscis.gov/policymanual/HTML/PolicyManual-Volume7.html">https://www.uscis.gov/policymanual/HTML/PolicyManual-Volume7.html</a></p>
<b>USCIS Adjudicator’s Field Manual (Redacted Public Version; note that certain parts are superseded by USCIS Policy Manual)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Generally accessible at:</li> </ul> <p><a href="https://www.uscis.gov/ilink/docView/AFM/HTML/AFM/0-0-0-1.html">https://www.uscis.gov/ilink/docView/AFM/HTML/AFM/0-0-0-1.html</a></p>
<b>Key USCIS Memoranda</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Generally accessible at:</li> </ul> <p><a href="https://www.uscis.gov/laws/policy-memoranda">https://www.uscis.gov/laws/policy-memoranda</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Relating to Special Immigrant Juvenile Status:</li> </ul>

June 25, 2015 Memo: Updated Implementation of the SIJ Perez-Olano Settlement Agreement

[https://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/USCIS/Laws/Memoranda/2015/2015-0624\\_Perez-Olano\\_Settlement\\_Agreement\\_PM\\_Effective.pdf](https://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/USCIS/Laws/Memoranda/2015/2015-0624_Perez-Olano_Settlement_Agreement_PM_Effective.pdf)

April 5, 2011 Memo: Implementation of the SIJ Perez-Olano Settlement Agreement

<https://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/USCIS/Laws/Memoranda/2011/April/perez-olano-settlement.pdf>

March 24, 2009 Memo: Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2008: SIJ Status Provisions

[https://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/USCIS/Laws/Memoranda/Static\\_Files\\_Memoranda/2009/TVPRA\\_SIJ.pdf](https://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/USCIS/Laws/Memoranda/Static_Files_Memoranda/2009/TVPRA_SIJ.pdf)

- Relating to UC Asylum:

Guidance for Processing Reasonable Fear, Credible Fear, Asylum, and Refugee Claims in Accordance with Matter of A-B [ALERT: On December 19, 2018, in *Grace v. Whitaker*, No. 18-CV-01853 (EGS), 344 F. Supp. 3d 96 (D.D.C. 2018), the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia enjoined USCIS from implementing and enforcing certain parts of this PM. A redacted version of the PM reflecting the court's injunction can be found here.

[https://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/USCIS/Laws/Memoranda/2018/2018-06-18-PM-602-0162-USCIS-Memorandum-Matter-of-A-B\\_Redacted\\_12-19-201.pdf](https://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/USCIS/Laws/Memoranda/2018/2018-06-18-PM-602-0162-USCIS-Memorandum-Matter-of-A-B_Redacted_12-19-201.pdf)

March 31, 2017, Memo: Jurisdiction and EAD Clock Procedures for Unaccompanied Children (UACs)

[https://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/USCIS/Refugee%2C%20Asylum%2C%20and%20Int%27I%20Ops/Asylum/EAD\\_Clock\\_Procedures\\_for\\_UACs\\_March\\_2017.pdf](https://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/USCIS/Refugee%2C%20Asylum%2C%20and%20Int%27I%20Ops/Asylum/EAD_Clock_Procedures_for_UACs_March_2017.pdf)

March 25, 2009 Memo: Implementation of Statutory Change Providing USCIS with Initial Jurisdiction over Asylum Applications Filed by Unaccompanied Alien Children

[https://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/USCIS/Laws/Memoranda/Static\\_Files\\_Memoranda/2009/uac\\_filings\\_5f25mar09.pdf](https://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/USCIS/Laws/Memoranda/Static_Files_Memoranda/2009/uac_filings_5f25mar09.pdf)

- Relating to Requests for Evidence & Notices of Intent to Deny:

July 13, 2018, Issuance of Certain RFEs and NOIDs; Revisions to Adjudicator's Field Manual (AFM) Chapter 10.5(a), Chapter 10.5(b)

[https://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/USCIS/Laws/Memoranda/AFM\\_10\\_Standards\\_for\\_RFEs\\_and\\_NOIDs\\_FINAL2.pdf](https://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/USCIS/Laws/Memoranda/AFM_10_Standards_for_RFEs_and_NOIDs_FINAL2.pdf)

July 7, 2011 Memo: Change in Standard Timeframes for Applicants or Petitioners to Respond to Requests for Evidence; Revisions to Adjudicator's Field Manual (AFM) Chapter 10.5(b), Chapter 25.2€(3), Chapter 38.1€(6), and Appendix 10-9; AFM Update AD11-36

<https://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/USCIS/Laws/Memoranda/2011/July/memo-timeframe-petitioners-july7-2011.pdf>

- Relating to Motions to Reopen or Reconsider:

January 26, 2011 Memo: Notice to Applicants and Petitioners Concerning Ability to File Motions to Reopen or Reconsider; Revision to the Adjudicator's Field Manual (AFM) Chapter 10.7; AFM Update AD11-09

<https://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/USCIS/Outreach/Interim%20Guidance%20for%20Comment/applicants-petitioners-file-motion.pdf>

- Relating to Adjustment of Status

January 12, 2007 Memo: Eligibility of Arriving Aliens in Removal Proceedings to Apply for Adjustment of Status and Jurisdiction to Adjudicate Applications for Adjustment of Status

[https://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/USCIS/Laws/Memoranda/Static\\_Files\\_Memoranda/adjuststatus011207.pdf](https://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/USCIS/Laws/Memoranda/Static_Files_Memoranda/adjuststatus011207.pdf)

<b>Affirmative Asylum Procedures Manual (AAPM)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May 2016 Edition available at:  <a href="https://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/USCIS/Humanitarian/Refugees%20%26%20Asylum/Asylum/AAPM-2016.pdf">https://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/USCIS/Humanitarian/Refugees%20%26%20Asylum/Asylum/AAPM-2016.pdf</a> </li> </ul>
<b>Asylum Officer Basic Training Course</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lesson Modules available at:  <a href="https://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/files/nativedocuments/Interviewing_-_Intro_to_the_NonAdversarial_Interview_LP_RAIO.pdf">https://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/files/nativedocuments/Interviewing_-_Intro_to_the_NonAdversarial_Interview_LP_RAIO.pdf</a> </li> </ul>
<b>USCIS Ombudsman</b>	
<b>USCIS Ombudsman's Office Recommendations</b> ("The Ombudsman provides an impartial and independent perspective to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) in an attempt to resolve problems with pending cases.")	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Home page:  <a href="https://www.dhs.gov/topic/cis-ombudsman">https://www.dhs.gov/topic/cis-ombudsman</a> </li> <li>• Recommendations Relating to SIJ:          April 15, 2011 Recommendations, Special Immigrant Juvenile Adjudications: An Opportunity for Adoption of Best Practices  <a href="https://www.dhs.gov/sites/default/files/publications/Citizenship-and-Immigration-Services-Ombudsman-Recommendation-Special-Immigrant-Juvenile-Adjudications.pdf">https://www.dhs.gov/sites/default/files/publications/Citizenship-and-Immigration-Services-Ombudsman-Recommendation-Special-Immigrant-Juvenile-Adjudications.pdf</a>          December 11, 2015 Recommendations, Ensuring Process Efficiency and Legal Sufficiency in Special Immigrant Juvenile Adjudications  <a href="https://www.dhs.gov/sites/default/files/publications/CISOMB%20SIJ%20Recommendation%202015_2.pdf">https://www.dhs.gov/sites/default/files/publications/CISOMB%20SIJ%20Recommendation%202015_2.pdf</a> </li> <li>• USCIS Responses to the Ombudsman's Office          July 13, 2011 USCIS Response to Recommendation 47  <a href="https://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/USCIS/Resources/Ombudsman%20Liaison/Responses%20to%20Formal%20Recommendations/cisomb-2011-response47.pdf">https://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/USCIS/Resources/Ombudsman%20Liaison/Responses%20to%20Formal%20Recommendations/cisomb-2011-response47.pdf</a>          April 19, 2016 USCIS Response to Recommendations on Special Immigrant Juvenile Adjudications  <a href="https://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/USCIS/Resources/Ombudsman%20Liaison/Responses%20to%20Formal%20Recommendations/Response_to_CISOMB_SIJ_Recommendations_CSPE_LCU_9.28.16.pdf">https://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/USCIS/Resources/Ombudsman%20Liaison/Responses%20to%20Formal%20Recommendations/Response_to_CISOMB_SIJ_Recommendations_CSPE_LCU_9.28.16.pdf</a> </li> <li>• To Submit a Request for Case assistance (Form DHS-7001):  <a href="https://www.dhs.gov/topic/cis-ombudsman/forms/7001">https://www.dhs.gov/topic/cis-ombudsman/forms/7001</a> </li> </ul>
<b>Ethics Guidance</b>	
<b>Rules</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct  <a href="https://www.texasbar.com/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Ethics_Resources&amp;Template=/CM/ContentDisplay.cfm&amp;ContentID=14125">https://www.texasbar.com/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Ethics_Resources&amp;Template=/CM/ContentDisplay.cfm&amp;ContentID=14125</a> </li> <li>• ABA Model Rules  <a href="http://www.americanbar.org/groups/professional_responsibility/publications/model_rules_of_professional_conduct/model_rules_of_professional_conduct_table_of_contents.html">http://www.americanbar.org/groups/professional_responsibility/publications/model_rules_of_professional_conduct/model_rules_of_professional_conduct_table_of_contents.html</a> </li> </ul>
<b>State Bar of Texas Resources</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Generally accessible at:  <a href="https://www.texasbar.com/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Ethics_Resources">https://www.texasbar.com/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Ethics_Resources</a> </li> <li>• Ethics Advisory Opinions:  <a href="https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/legal/AT-eaosquery.html#eaos">https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/legal/AT-eaosquery.html#eaos</a> </li> </ul>

<b>Guidance in Representing UC Specifically</b>	
<b>American Bar Association Standards</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Standards for the Custody, Placement and Care; Legal Representation; and Adjudication of Unaccompanied Alien Children In the United States (August 2018)  <a href="https://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/publications/commission_on_immigration/standards_for_children_2018.pdf">https://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/publications/commission_on_immigration/standards_for_children_2018.pdf</a></li> </ul>
<b>Practice Advisories</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Children in Immigration Proceedings: Child Capacities and Mental Competency in Immigration Law and Policy, produced for the Vera Institute of Justice's Unaccompanied Children Program (May 2015) by M. Aryah Somers  <a href="https://cliniclegal.org/sites/default/files/children_in_immigration_proceedings_-_child_capacities_and_mental_competency_in_immigration_law_and_policy.pdf">https://cliniclegal.org/sites/default/files/children_in_immigration_proceedings_-_child_capacities_and_mental_competency_in_immigration_law_and_policy.pdf</a></li> <li>Children in Immigration Proceedings: Concepts of Capacity and Mental Competency, produced for the Vera Institute of Justice's Unaccompanied Children Program (November 2014) by M. Aryah Somers  <a href="http://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/administrative/probono_public_service/ls_pb_uac_docs_vera_institute_somers_concepts_of_capacity_competency_11_2014.authcheckdam.pdf">http://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/administrative/probono_public_service/ls_pb_uac_docs_vera_institute_somers_concepts_of_capacity_competency_11_2014.authcheckdam.pdf</a></li> <li>Strategies for Suppressing Evidence and Terminating Removal Proceedings for Child Clients, produced for the Vera Institute of Justice's Unaccompanied Children Program (March 2015) by Helen Lawrence, Kristen Jackson, Rex Chen, and Kathleen Glynn  <a href="https://cliniclegal.org/sites/default/files/strategies_for_suppressing_evidence_and_terminating_removal_proceedings_for_child_clients_with_appendices.pdf">https://cliniclegal.org/sites/default/files/strategies_for_suppressing_evidence_and_terminating_removal_proceedings_for_child_clients_with_appendices.pdf</a></li> <li>Responding to Inappropriate RFEs and NOIDs in Special Immigrant Juvenile Status Cases, ILRC, December 2018  <a href="https://www.ilrc.org/sites/default/files/resources/sijs_respond_inapp_rfes_noids-20190102.pdf">https://www.ilrc.org/sites/default/files/resources/sijs_respond_inapp_rfes_noids-20190102.pdf</a></li> </ul>
<b>Key Federal Statutes</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Homeland Security Act of 2002  <a href="https://www.dhs.gov/sites/default/files/publications/hr_5005_enr.pdf">https://www.dhs.gov/sites/default/files/publications/hr_5005_enr.pdf</a></li> <li>William Wilberforce Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act (TVPRA) of 2008  <a href="http://www.state.gov/j/tip/laws/113178.htm">http://www.state.gov/j/tip/laws/113178.htm</a></li> </ul>
<b>Some Key Federal Regulations</b>	
<b>Relating to SIJS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8 C.F.R. 204.11  <a href="http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?SID=25080157789dd608fb1e463ec635663f&amp;mc=true&amp;node=pt8.1.204&amp;rgn=div5#se8.1.204_111">http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?SID=25080157789dd608fb1e463ec635663f&amp;mc=true&amp;node=pt8.1.204&amp;rgn=div5#se8.1.204_111</a></li> </ul>
<b>Relating to Asylum</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8 C.F.R. Part 208  <a href="http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?SID=3fa30363c79b663a376d2c9adf7661f7&amp;mc=true&amp;node=pt8.1.208&amp;rgn=div">http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?SID=3fa30363c79b663a376d2c9adf7661f7&amp;mc=true&amp;node=pt8.1.208&amp;rgn=div</a></li> </ul>
<b>Relating to Voluntary Departure</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8 C.F.R. 1240.26</li> </ul>

	<a href="http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?SID=3fa30363c79b663a376d2c9adf7661f7&amp;mc=true&amp;node=pt8.1.1240&amp;rgn=div5#se8.1.1240_126">http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?SID=3fa30363c79b663a376d2c9adf7661f7&amp;mc=true&amp;node=pt8.1.1240&amp;rgn=div5#se8.1.1240_126</a>
<b>Relating to Adjustment of Status</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8 C.F.R. Part 209 <a href="http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?SID=3fa30363c79b663a376d2c9adf7661f7&amp;mc=true&amp;node=pt8.1.209&amp;rgn=div5">http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?SID=3fa30363c79b663a376d2c9adf7661f7&amp;mc=true&amp;node=pt8.1.209&amp;rgn=div5</a></li> <li>• 8 C.F.R. Part 245 <a href="http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?SID=3fa30363c79b663a376d2c9adf7661f7&amp;mc=true&amp;node=pt8.1.245&amp;rgn=div5">http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?SID=3fa30363c79b663a376d2c9adf7661f7&amp;mc=true&amp;node=pt8.1.245&amp;rgn=div5</a></li> </ul>
<b>Submission and Adjudication of Benefit Requests</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8 C.F.R. Part 103 <a href="http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?SID=3fa30363c79b663a376d2c9adf7661f7&amp;mc=true&amp;node=pt8.1.103&amp;rgn=div5#se8.1.103_15">http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?SID=3fa30363c79b663a376d2c9adf7661f7&amp;mc=true&amp;node=pt8.1.103&amp;rgn=div5#se8.1.103_15</a> (Note: See 103.2(b) specifically for information relating to Requests for Evidence, Notices of Intent to Deny.)</li> </ul>
<b>Visa Availability</b>	
<b>USCIS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visa Bulletin <a href="https://www.uscis.gov/visabulletininfo">https://www.uscis.gov/visabulletininfo</a></li> </ul>
<b>Department of State</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visa Bulletin <a href="https://travel.state.gov/content/visas/en/law-and-policy/bulletin.html">https://travel.state.gov/content/visas/en/law-and-policy/bulletin.html</a></li> </ul>
<b>Texas Law Resources</b>	
<b>Key Texas Statutes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Texas Family Code <a href="http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/SDocs/FAMILYCODE.pdf">http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/SDocs/FAMILYCODE.pdf</a></li> <li>• Texas Rules of Civil Procedure <a href="http://www.txcourts.gov/media/1084233/Texas-Rules-of-Civil-Procedure.pdf">http://www.txcourts.gov/media/1084233/Texas-Rules-of-Civil-Procedure.pdf</a></li> <li>• Texas Civil Practices &amp; Remedies Code <a href="http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/SDocs/CIVILPRACTICEANDREMEDIESCODE.pdf">http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/SDocs/CIVILPRACTICEANDREMEDIESCODE.pdf</a></li> <li>• Texas Rules of Evidence <a href="http://www.txcourts.gov/media/921665/tx-rules-of-evidence.pdf">http://www.txcourts.gov/media/921665/tx-rules-of-evidence.pdf</a></li> </ul>
<b>Texas State Law Library</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Generally accessible at: <a href="https://www.sll.texas.gov/">https://www.sll.texas.gov/</a> (Note: If you set up a username/password (no charge), you can access AILALink and Kurzban's online via this site.)</li> </ul>
<b>Texas Law Help</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Generally accessible at: <a href="http://texaslawhelp.org/">http://texaslawhelp.org/</a></li> </ul>
<b>Texas Lawyers Help</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Generally accessible at: <a href="http://texaslawyershelp.org/">http://texaslawyershelp.org/</a> (Note: You can set up a login/password free of charge to access these resources.)</li> </ul>

<p><b>Texas Bar CLE Online Library</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Generally accessible at:  <a href="http://texasbarcle.com/CLE/OLHome.asp">http://texasbarcle.com/CLE/OLHome.asp</a>            (Note: You can set up a login/password free of charge to access certain free resources, others must be purchased. You can subscribe to the Texas Family Law Practice Manual/Forms via this site.)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Texas Resources by County</b></p>	
<p><b>Selected Local Rules for Civil/Family Courts</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bexar County  <a href="http://home.bexar.org/dc/localrules.html">http://home.bexar.org/dc/localrules.html</a>            (Note: See Part 3, Civil District Court Rules)</li> <li>• Cameron County</li> <li>• Dallas County</li> <li>• Harris County  <a href="https://www.justex.net/Courts/Family/LocalRules.aspx">https://www.justex.net/Courts/Family/LocalRules.aspx</a></li> <li>• Harris County Family Law Resource  <a href="http://hbafamilylaw.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/04/AJ-Luncheon-Handout.pdf">http://hbafamilylaw.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/04/AJ-Luncheon-Handout.pdf</a></li> <li>• Hidalgo County</li> <li>• Tarrant County</li> <li>• Travis County  <a href="https://www.traviscountytx.gov/images/courts/Docs/local_rules_civildistrict.pdf">https://www.traviscountytx.gov/images/courts/Docs/local_rules_civildistrict.pdf</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>UC Policy</b></p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Congressional Research Service, May 11, 2016, Unaccompanied Alien Children: An Overview:  <a href="https://fas.org/sgp/crs/homesec/R43599.pdf">https://fas.org/sgp/crs/homesec/R43599.pdf</a></li> <li>• Migration Policy Institute, January 2016, Fact Sheet: Trends in Unaccompanied Child and Family Migration from Central America:  <a href="https://www.migrationpolicy.org/research/trends-unaccompanied-child-and-family-migration-central-america">https://www.migrationpolicy.org/research/trends-unaccompanied-child-and-family-migration-central-america</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>Guides for Pro Bono Attorneys</b></p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Getting Off the Assembly Line: Overcoming Immigration Court Obstacles in Individual Cases (Appleseed Network Immigration Collaborative):  <a href="http://www.appleseednetwork.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/APPLESEED_Getting-Off-Assembly-Line_122116.pdf">http://www.appleseednetwork.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/APPLESEED_Getting-Off-Assembly-Line_122116.pdf</a></li> <li>• Justice for Unaccompanied Immigrant Children: An Advocacy Best Practices Manual for Legal Service Providers (National Immigrant Justice Center, April 2016)  <a href="https://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/administrative/probono_public_service/ls_pb_uac_doc_uic_best_practices_4_27_16.pdf">https://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/administrative/probono_public_service/ls_pb_uac_doc_uic_best_practices_4_27_16.pdf</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>Technical Assistance Providers</b></p>	



<b>Children's Immigration Law Academy (CILA)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Technical Assistance &amp; Training information accessible at: <a href="http://www.cilacademy.org/">http://www.cilacademy.org/</a></li> </ul>
<b>University of California at Hastings, Center for Gender &amp; Refugee Studies (CGRS)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Generally accessible at: <a href="https://cgrs.uchastings.edu/">https://cgrs.uchastings.edu/</a></li> </ul>
<b>Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. (CLINIC)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Generally accessible at: <a href="https://cliniclegal.org/">https://cliniclegal.org/</a></li> </ul>
<b>Immigrant Legal Resource Center (ILRC)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Immigrant Youth information: <a href="https://www.ilrc.org/immigrant-youth">https://www.ilrc.org/immigrant-youth</a></li> </ul>
<b>Unaccompanied Children Resource Center</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Generally accessible at: <a href="https://www.uacresources.org/">https://www.uacresources.org/</a></li> </ul>
<b>Asylum Research</b>	
<b>AILA online</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Asylum Cases by Topic (requires AILA membership): <a href="http://www.aila.org/advo-media/issues/asylum-cases-by-topic">http://www.aila.org/advo-media/issues/asylum-cases-by-topic</a></li> </ul>

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